

Remarks

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 as indefinite. Applicant has extensively amended the claim, changing it into clear language of definite scope. As such, Applicant believes that claims 1-4 are now acceptable under 35 U.S.C. section 112 .

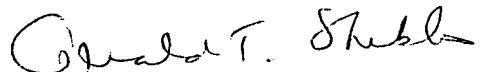
In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 as anticipated by or in the alternative as obvious over German patent 748, 146. Applicant hereby encloses a copy of the German patent for the record, as it is unsure as to whether the copy with drawings was previously furnished. As such, Applicant notes that the German reference does not teach the guides which are the C-shaped rails fixedly secured to the wing which coordinate the movement of the fore box and the main flap so that, upon protrusion of the wing flap, the extension and camber of the wing airfoil increases continuously. Thus, the fore box and main flap slide along the C-shaped rails. As can be seen in the drawings of the cited German patent, the flaps there are pivotally extended and do not ride on rails. As such, Applicant believes that its structure is patentably distinct from that of the German reference.

Applicant requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits early notice of same.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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